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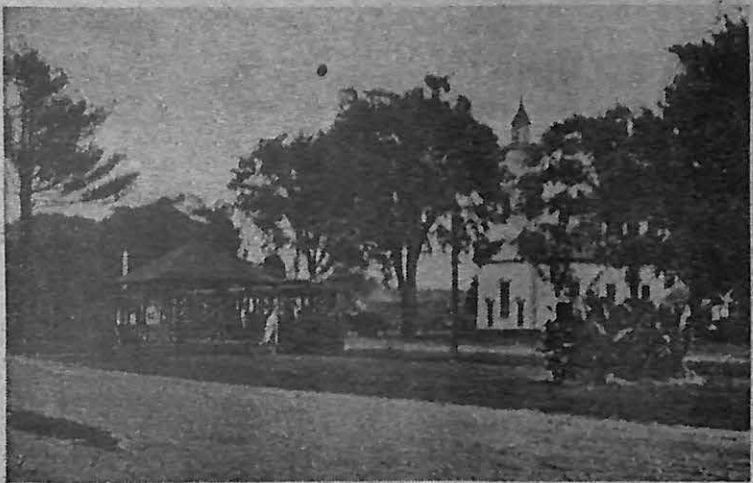
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Historical Assn. To Meet Jan. 17



The above print was made from a colored post card which was published by the Springfield News Co. about 1910. The original negative was sent to Germany for printing, because the finest color printing processes were available there at that time.

There are about 50 different Agawam post card scenes in existence. They can still be found occasionally in old card collections.

Mrs. Helen Robbins of 25 Annable St., Agawam, has a number of these and will show them with other types of old-time greeting cards at the next meet-

ing of the Historical Association at the Capt. Charles Leonard House, Monday, Jan. 17 at 8 p.m.

Mrs. Robbins, who is a member of the Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island Card Clubs, will explain both the why and the how of card collecting. Her own collection, a part of which will be shown, contains thousands of cards, historical, patriotic, valentine, humorous, Washington's Birthday, Easter and many others.

Meetings of the Historical Association are always open to the public and all interested persons are welcome.

Skolnick To Address Benevolent Society

Mr. David Skolnick, Guidance Director and School Psychologist, Agawam Public Schools, will be the guest speaker at the Ladies Benevolent Society, Congregational Church, Southwick, Monday evening the 17th at 8 o'clock. His subject will be "How Children Misunderstand Parents."

"Y" Campaign Captains, Workers Meeting Tonight

"You Can Be Proud, too" is the closing statement of a letter sent this week to prospective Sustaining Members of the Agawam Community Y.M.C.A. Platon George, chairman of the annual

campaign said today that the local YMCA hopes to set new highs in enrollment of sustaining members this year. The kick-off of the membership effort will be this Saturday, Jan. 15th.

George explained that the letter points out the tremendous progress made by the Agawam YMCA since its beginning in Agawam 10 years ago. He said that the membership of the "Y" is proud of these accomplishments as are the many volunteer Directors and Committeemen. "The entire community can be proud of what has been accomplished through the YMCA," he said.

The letter explains that membership fees in the "Y" are deliberately kept low so as not to discourage participation in worthwhile programs. This is where the Sustaining Members can help. A Sustaining Member is an individual who believes in the YMCA and wants to help and belong, even though he may not wish to participate in its programs; or, in the case of a participating member, if he wishes to give additional help.

George further explained that if the local YMCA is to continue to offer its many fine programs and to conduct much needed new ones, many more sustaining members must be found. "It is only with the help of our Sustaining Members that we can continue to grow" he said.

A meeting of all Captains and Workers in the Campaign will be held in the new YMCA Activity Room this Thursday evening at 8 p.m. Mr. G. Fred Affleck will conduct the meeting which will give all campaign workers a full understanding of the local YMCA operation.

Jr. Women's Clubs Joint Meeting Tues.

A joint business meeting will be held by the Agawam Junior Women's Club and the Ramapogue Junior Women's Club on Tuesday evening the 18th, at the Capt. Charles Leonard House.

A monologue titled "Design for Fun" will be given by Mrs. Harold Green.

A film entitled "5 Facts in 5 Minutes" concerning the birth defects problem, will be shown in conjunction with the Federation of Women's Clubs Junior project, "Operation Healthy Babies."

Women In Construction To Install Officers Jan. 22

A newly formed chapter of an organization called National Association of Women in Construction (WIC) is slated to charter Jan. 22 at 7 p.m., at Betty's Old Towne House, Agawam. Its membership consists of women actively employed in the construction, architectural, material and supply offices, and is the only branch of this organization in Massachusetts.

Miss Gloria Salvo, president of Boston, Mass. chapter of WIC will sponsor the local chapter and Martha Knowles, past president of National Chapter from Dallas, Texas, Chapter will install Rita Muto, of F. W. Dodge Corp., as president; Rayma McGrath, of McGrath Electric Co., Inc., vice president; Jeanne Jacquel, of George E. Fontaine Painting Co., Inc., recording secretary; Ann Blythe, West Side Refrigeration, corresponding secretary; Nathalie, Siderowf, Morton Electric Supply Co., Inc., treasurer; Jean Ondrick, Ondrick Construction

Co.; Mary Bushey, B & M Sheet Metal Engineering Co.; Rita Guenther, Lawler Construction Corp. and Ann Johnson, Johnson Brothers, all members of Board of Trustees; Dorothy Shaver, Standard Electric Time Co., and Eleanor Fitzgerald, Daniel O'Connell Sons, Inc., publicity co-chairmen; Ruth Mitchell, A. R. Green Sons, Inc., by-laws; Eleanor Turnberg, McCormack Longmeadow Stone Co., historian; Lorraine Testori, Fontaine Bros., Inc., program chairman; Margaret Dinnie, C. J. Driscoll Co., Inc., parliamentarian; Marsha Mucha, Asphalt Hot Mix, Inc., extension chairman.

Charter members are: Mary Lou Corbut, Geraldine Fitzgerald, Florence Gewinner, June Johnson, Barbara Laughran, Marion McAuslind, Marianne Murphy, Ruth Rogers, Gloria Scully, Jeanne Sheehan, Sylvia Sutherland, Nancy Waldmann, Eleanor Walsh, Kay Wrenn, Amelia Witkop, Joan Spear, Anita Briancesco, Dorothy Forish.

Reservations may be made by contacting any of the above members.

Gillette and Parent Nuptials In May

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gillette of Collins St., Springfield, announce the engagement of their daughter, Carol Ann, to John J. Parent, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Parent of Walnut St., Agawam. A May wedding is planned.

Miss Gillette is a graduate of Cathedral High School and the Fraser School of Charm and Modeling. She is employed by the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company in the Electronic Data Processing Dept.

Mr. Parent, a graduate of Agawam High School is employed by Buxton, Inc., Agawam. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and attends Western New England College.

Home Economist To Address Catholic Women's Club Jan. 17

The first meeting of 1966 of the Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will be held on Monday evening, the 17th, in St. John the Evangelist Hall, Agawam. Mrs. David Gallano, president, will open the meeting at 8:30.

Following the business portion of the meeting Mrs. Alfred Dugan, entertainment chairman, will introduce guest speaker, Elaine Abbott Sponberg, home economist of the McCormick-Baker Co. Her subject will be "The Romance of Spice Cookery."

A graduate of Regis College, with a Bachelor of Arts degree

in home economics—foods, Mrs. Sponberg has had wide experience in the home economics field.

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Friendly Squares To Dance Jan. 22

The Friendly Squares Western Square Dance Club next dance will be held at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Wilbraham Rd., Springfield, on Jan. 22.

Guest caller will be Walt Swan of Rhode Island. All square dancers are welcome.

Rosary Altar Society Plan 'Snowflake' Card Party Jan. 18

Rosary Altar Society of Sacred Heart Church is sponsoring a Midwinter Snowflake card party, to be held on Tuesday evening, the 18th, in the cafeteria of the junior high school at 8. Honorary chairmen of the affair are Rev. George A. Linse, CSS, pastor of Sacred Heart Church and Mrs. Cecile Hyland, president of the society. Serving as general chairmen are Mrs. Ethel Dumond and Mrs. Rose Mercadante. Proceeds of the large affair will be used to purchase gifts for the children making their first Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Held each year, it is considered one of the largest events of the parish and generally has close to 100 tables in session. One of the reasons for this tremendous turnout is the prizes which a large committee gathers for the annual event. This year is no exception with a handmade afghan and a money prize to be the top prizes;

also there will be over 80 door prizes and many special prizes as well as table awards.

The prize committee this year is headed by Mrs. Florence Arnold in charge of special prizes; Mrs. Freda Seymour, door prizes; Mrs. Mildred Hamel, table prizes and Mrs. Joan Paran, awards.

Assisting Mrs. Arnold are Mrs. Marguerite LaFrancis and Mrs. Julie Kosikowski; assisting Mrs. Seymour is Mrs. Lenore Dion; assisting Mrs. Hamel are Mrs. Virginia Regnier and Mrs. Yvette Regnier. Tickets are under the supervision of Mrs. Martha Draghetti and a committee of society members.

The hall will be decorated with the snowflake theme that will also be carried out on the re-

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Community Grange Clock Program Tues.

The regular meeting of Community Grange will be held on Jan. 18th at 8 o'clock in the Grange home on North West St., Feeding Hills. During the business meeting a report will be made by Ellsworth Bostwick, chairman of a study committee of costs for maintaining the Grange hall. The recommendations of the committee will be submitted to the committee will be submitted to the Grange for a vote.

The lecturer's program for the evening will center around clocks. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Benson of Agawam will be the guest speakers. They will bring an exhibit of clocks of many kinds and will describe interesting points of each one. They will also have slides to illustrate their lecture.

Following the meeting a social hour will be enjoyed. The refreshment committee consists of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas White, Miss Dorothy Johnson and George Draghetti.

Promoted



FRANCIS E. WAY

USS HORNET (FHTNC) — Aviation Structural Mechanic Third Class Francis E. Way, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney J. Way of 56 Valentine Ter., Agawam, was promoted to his present rate while serving with Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Two, aboard the anti-submarine warfare support aircraft carrier USS Hornet, currently operating with the Seventh Fleet in the South China Sea.

His promotion was based on time in service and rate, military appearance, performance of duties and passing the Navy-wide test for promotion.

Hornet, operating as the hub of a vast anti-submarine warfare group composed of surface, subsurface and anti-submarine units, provides anti-submarine warfare support for Seventh Fleet units in the South China Sea.

TAX ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE NOW

Acting District Director Robert J. Dath announced today the following schedule of dates on which taxpayer assistance will be rendered in the Springfield office located at 340 Worthington Street: Monday thru Friday until April 15.

On the dates indicated, Internal Revenue Agents will be available from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. to render taxpayer assistance to all taxpayers who call at the office seeking assistance in the preparation of their Federal income tax returns.

Mr. Dath urges all taxpayers in need of assistance to complete as much of their return as possible before calling the office.

Taxpayers desiring telephone assistance may call 788-6122 or 788-6123 any time from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the dates indicated.

CHURCH NEWS

Agawam Methodist Church

Granger School—temporarily
Rev. Kenneth Thornton, Minister
Mrs. Herbert Binns, Organist
Mrs. Marshall Keyes,
Sr. Choir Director
Mrs. Ronald Ashton,
Jr. Choir Director

Friday—3:30 p.m. Junior Choir practice at 22 Briarcliff Drive; 6:15 p.m. Bowling teams at Westside; 7:30 p.m. Annual meeting of Methodist Missionary and Church Extension Society of Greater Springfield at East Longmeadow Methodist Church.

Sunday — 9:30 a.m. Worship Service and Church School at Granger Elementary School. Nursery for Infants; 6:30 p.m. Methodist Youth Fellowship meets at parsonage.

Monday — 7:30 p.m. All Commissions of the church meet at parsonage; 8:30 p.m. Official Board meets at parsonage.

Wednesday — 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir practice at 46 Kensington Street.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Benjamin Lockhart, Pastor
Mrs. Frank Merchant, Organist and Choir Director
Mrs. Barbara Briggs, Church Secretary

Thursday—11 a.m. The United Women's Fellowship meeting at church. At 12 noon they will be the guests of the Ladies Aid of Agawam Congregational Church; 6:30 p.m. Choralier Choir rehearse at church; 8 p.m. Senior choir rehearse at church.

Saturday — 11 a.m. Melody Choir rehearse at church.

Sunday—9 and 11:10 a.m.—Two Morning Worship Services... Rev. Lockhart will preach at both worship services. Celestial Choir sing first service and Senior Choir sing second service; 9:30 and 10 a.m. Church School for all; 6 p.m. Junior and Senior BYF meet at church.

Monday—8 p.m. Plans and Construction Committee meet at parsonage; 7 p.m. ABC Kindergarten parent's night in Worthington Hall; 8 p.m. A rehearsal for the Mr. and Mrs. Club show in Fellowship House.

Tuesday — 7 p.m. Celestial Choir rehearse at church.

Wednesday—10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Trading Post open; 7 p.m. ABC Bell Ringers rehearse at church; 7 p.m. ABC Kindergarten parent's night in Worthington Hall.

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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. Floyd C. Bryan, Minister
Mrs. A. G. Toussaint,
Minister of Music

Thursday—12 p.m. Ladies Aid, Baptist Ladies as guests.

Friday — 7 p.m. Boy Scouts meeting; 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal; 8 p.m. Square Dance.

Saturday — 8:45 a.m. Intermediate Choir rehearsal; 9:30 a.m. Junior Choir rehearsal.

Sunday — 9 a.m. Church at Morning Worship, Rev. Bryan, preaching and 9 a.m. Church School Classes, Nursery—Grade 6; 10 a.m. Church School Classes, Grades 7-12 and Adult Bible Class; 11 a.m. Church at Morning Worship, Rev. Bryan, preaching and Church School Classes, Nursery—Grade 6.

Tuesday — 6:30 a.m. Senior High choir rehearsal; 7:30 a.m. Council meeting.

FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

21 North Westfield St.

Rev. Arthur N. Sweeney, Pastor
Mrs. Frederick Nardi, Organist

Thursday — 6:30 p.m. Youth choir rehearsal; 7 p.m. Senior choir rehearsal.

Friday — 7:30 p.m. Church School Staff meeting in Spear Room.

Sunday — 9:30 a.m. Church School; 11 a.m. Worship Service... Sermon—The Third Commandment; 2:30 p.m. Junior High Pilgrim Fellowship toboggan party... refreshments served at 4 p.m. in the church; 6:45 p.m. Senior High Confirmation class in Pastor's study... topic—How Our Bible Came to Us, The Bible in America.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

Rev. Dominic A. Ruscetta,
CPS Rector.

Friday—4-5:30 p.m. and 7:30 and 9 p.m. confessions.

Mass Schedule
Sundays: 7, 8:30, 10:30 a.m.
Weekdays: 7 a.m.

Tuesday—7:30 p.m. St. Anthony Devotions.

GOSPEL BAPTIST CHURCH OF FEEDING HILLS

Sunday — 9:45 a.m. Bible School; 11 a.m. Worship Service; 7 p.m. Evening Worship.
Wednesday—7:30 p.m. Prayer meeting.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Upper Church and Second Sts.
West Springfield, Mass.

Rev. John N. Garner, Pastor
Thursday—7 p.m. Visitation Program.

Saturday — 7:30 p.m. Adult Fellowship meeting at home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Bowlen, 104 Janet St., W.S. Western style attire will be worn.

Sunday—9:45 a.m. Bible School for all ages; 11 a.m. Morning



At the last meeting of the Agawam Lions Club, the champion high school football team was hosted at dinner for the second year in a row. Fourteen boys gave short talks on the many phases of the team during the past season, and Coach Leonardi moderated and showed films of three games with comment.

King Lion Ken Clouse presented the team with a plaque and complimented the boys on the fine job they did.



In the picture above, left to right, are John Connelly, Billy Polopek, Lion Clouse, Coach Leonardi, and oRn Young.

Company Food On A Budget



At this time of year money seems to melt away. So, a meal that is extra good for family or guests... and easy on the food budget is welcomed. Serve, Spanish Sauced Meat, Green Bean Salad Lorenzo, Corn Bread and Pumpkin Pie for a dinner to enjoy.

Spanish Sauced Meat

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| 1 small green pepper | 1/4 teaspoon each of rosemary, thyme and marjoram |
| 1 medium size onion | 1 can (10 1/2 oz.) tomato purée |
| 1 clove garlic | 1 can (1 lb.) tomatoes |
| 1 can (3 to 4 oz.) mushrooms | 1/2 cup pitted ripe olives |
| 1/4 cup olive, or salad oil | 2 cans (12 oz. each) luncheon meat |
| 2 tablespoons flour | |
| 1/2 teaspoon salt | |
| 1/8 teaspoon cayenne | |

Cook coarsely chopped green pepper and onion, minced garlic and drained mushrooms (saving the liquid) in oil until lightly browned. Stir in flour and seasonings. Add mushroom liquid, tomato purée, tomatoes and olives; cook until thickened, stirring. Cut luncheon meat into thin slices, and each slice into half. Put 1/3 of the meat in a baking dish and top with 1/3 of the sauce; repeat until all meat and sauce are used. Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees) about 30 minutes. Six generous servings.

Green Bean Salad Lorenzo

Mix 1/2 cup bottled French dressing, 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce, 1 tablespoon chili sauce and 1/4 cup chopped watercress or parsley. Pour over a 1-pound can of whole green beans that have been drained. Chill for 1 or 2 hours. Slice a small onion and separate into rings and mix with the beans. Toss lightly with a quart of crisp salad greens torn into pieces. Six servings.

My Beat — A.H.S.

Jo-Ann Della-Giustina

As the new year grows old, the AHS career conferences continue. Mr. Mazeika, Director of Admissions at Holyoke Community College will speak at Agawam High on Jan. 18. This college, under its present name is new; it was formerly called Holyoke Junior Col-

worship service with a Gospel Message by Pastor Garner. There is a supervised nursery service available upstairs in the church during both Bible School and morning service; 3 p.m. Baptismal Service at Grace Baptist Church, Springfield. All Church members invited; 5:45 p.m. Young people's group meet at the church; 7 p.m. Evening service conducted by Pastor Garner.

Wednesday—7:30 p.m. "Hour of Power," midweek prayer meeting and service.

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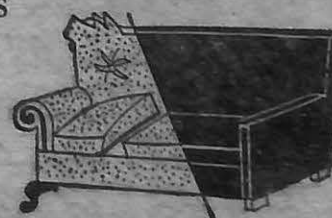
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British Royal Couple To Tour Islands

New York

British ceremonials will be at their highest stance during February when Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip make a month tour of the Caribbean islands.

According to the Caribbean Travel Association, the royal couple will visit more than a dozen Commonwealth and colony islands. The trip is regarded as unprecedented for a British sovereign.

The islands plan their traditional pageantry with parades and performances by brightly attired regiments, mounted brigades, zouave units, and bands.

Check your car heater and defrosting equipment! This precaution is essential to assure clear vision for winter driving, advises the Registry of Motor Vehicles. Replace streaking wiper blades, and use a brush to remove snow from all windows. Then you will see better. For your safety, you also must be seen clearly by others. Check your lighting front and rear for safer night driving.

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Mrs. Carpenter explained to the students the proper attire to wear during an interview and some of the important items an interviewer would look for in an applicant. Mrs. Carpenter also pointed out the importance of good attendance in school. One of the greatest reasons for not hiring high school graduates is their poor attendance records.

Mrs. Carpenter's informative talk will be an asset to students in their future job interviews.

Rosary Altar . . .

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freshment tables. Mrs. Catherine Camilli is serving as chairman of hospitality and assisted by Mrs. Josephine Attardi, Mrs. Mary Bruno, Mrs. Helen Liptak, Mrs. Marion Mills, Mrs. Dolores Morassi, Mrs. Rose Osolinski, Mrs. Evelyn Rose, Mrs. Louise Shelanskas and Mrs. Mary Spinelli.

Tickets are being distributed on a first come basis so those planning to make up tables should secure them at once from Mrs. Draghetti or any member of the society. Cards of your choice may be played and the general public is cordially invited to attend.

By starting your car gently on ice or snow, your tires take hold better, says the Registry of Motor Vehicles. Spinning only melts the ice, makes the going tougher.

SHOULD THE SENATE HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE?

The Senate of the United States has been called the world's greatest deliberative body. Purpose of all the deliberation, speeches and debate is to polarize the positions of the 100 senators so that the body may vote on an issue.

At the other wing of the Capital, each member of the House can have his say on a question and then a vote is taken. That's the way — set by the Constitution — that we get the laws under which we live.

Essentially, it's an orderly process, as good or better than any nation has achieved. Recently, however, there has been a disquieting development that could disrupt this orderly march of legislation from proposition to law.

The minority leader of the Senate, Everett McKinley Dirksen of Illinois, took the position in the closing hours of the last session of Congress that a measure reported by an appropriate committee of the Senate should not be allowed to come to a vote. It was the first time a leader of either party had ever led a filibuster. Because of the anxiety of Congress for a quick adjournment after a long and fruitful session, Senator Dirksen's filibuster prevailed.

The Illinois Republican has promised a renewal of his filibuster when Congress returns. He has already announced that he intends to deprive the Senate of its essential right and duty — to vote on an issue one way or another.

Senator Dirksen made his stand on the issue of repeal of Section 14(b) of the Taft-Hartley Act which permits states to enact right-to-work laws which hamper labor union organization and effectiveness. Nineteen states, most of them in the agricultural South and Southwest, have such laws.

Before Senator Dirksen started his filibuster, it seemed that the Senate was ready to look at the issue and vote. Whether it might have followed



the example of the House and voted for repeal of 14(b) is of no matter here. The important issue is that Mr. Dirksen's filibuster tactic blocked any expression of opinion through a vote.

The issue is certain to come before the Senate early in January. What remains to be seen is whether the minority leader can effectively thwart a vote — the keystone of representational democracy.

It may be unfortunate that repeal of 14(b), an issue on which opinions tend to be fixed, is the matter on which Senator Dirksen has taken his stand against continuation of the orderly process of law-making. It could as well have been some less complex question.

The big problem, which only the Senate itself can resolve, is whether in this instance or at any time in the future one man should be permitted to deprive an entire body of its right to do the job for which it was elected.

O'Leary Aboard USS Nicholas

USS NICHOLAS (DD-449) (FHTNC)—Chief Sonar Technician Frank R. O'Leary, USN, son of Mrs. Joseph J. O'Leary of 84 Forest Road, Agawam, is serving aboard the destroyer USS Nicholas, currently operating with the Seventh Fleet's Anti-Submarine Group One off the Vietnamese coast.

Destroyers are high-speed ships used primarily in anti-submarine warfare. They also operate offensively against surface ships,

defend against airborne attack, and provide gunfire support for amphibious assaults.

He recently spent a week in the British Crown Colony of Hong Kong for rest and recreation between patrols off the Vietnamese coast.

Nicholas normally operates with the Pacific Fleet out of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

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She has served as administrative dietitian on the staff of the Aetna Life Insurance Co., Hartford, Conn., where she taught classes on bakery fundamentals and procedures to student interns. She has also served as home economist for the William Underwood Co., Watertown, Mass., where she conducted taste panels and administered a program of consumer research.

In her talk, Mrs. Sponberg will give "hints" on how to use the wide variety of spices available to homemakers in today's supermarkets, and will discuss the origin and uses of both well-known and rare spices.

Mrs. George Metzger, chairman of hospitality, with her committee will serve refreshments to all present. Members assisting are Mrs. Alfred Dugan, Mrs. Timothy Collins, Mrs. Gerald Cleary,

Mrs. Thomas Casiello, Mrs. Herbert Fuller, Mrs. Charles Beshaw, Mrs. James O'Keefe, Sr., Mrs. Joseph Trzeinski, Mrs. John Rosati and Mrs. Edgar Wilson.

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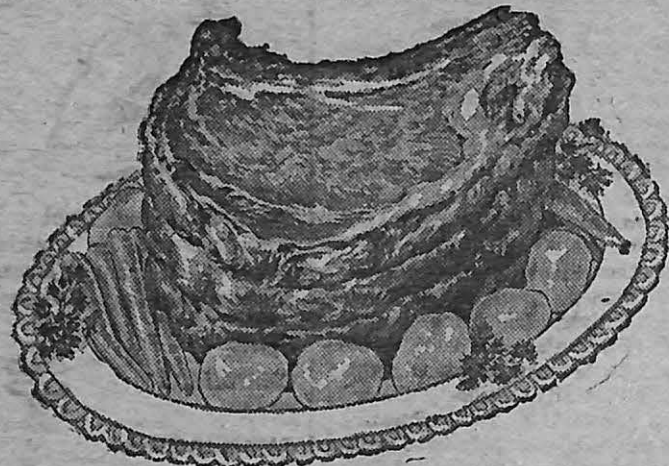
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'A Piece of the Action'

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Total Assets Of Westfield Savings Bank At Record High

WESTFIELD—Total assets of Westfield Savings Bank were at a record \$48,445,382 on Dec. 31, 1965, representing a gain for the year of \$3,531,658, Arthur W. Knapp, president, told the quarterly meeting of the board of trustees at the Sheraton Inn last week. Henry F. Burrows, chairman of the board, presided.

During the meeting dividends of 4 per cent on regular savings and 4½ per cent on special notice accounts were declared, covering the past six months, and payable on Jan. 10.

Mr. Knapp said the dividend declared will total \$820,000, for an all-time high in any six-month period in the history of the bank.

"The past year has been a fine one for Westfield Savings Bank in every area of its service," Mr. Knapp said. "Increased activity has been evident not only at our new main office, but also at the West Springfield Branch and our drive-in branch on Arnold Street here in Westfield.

"We anticipate a continuation of excellent savings deposit acti-

vity, reflecting the high degree of employment in our communities, and the higher take-home pay that is being received. We also expect that mortgage demand will remain strong during this year, as new family units are formed and existing families move into larger homes."

Savings deposits showed an increase of \$3,293,973 during the

FDR Honored On Second Stamp Of 'Prominent Americans' Series

The Franklin D. Roosevelt 6-cent postage stamp will be issued with first day ceremonies Jan. 29 at Hyde Park, N. Y. Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien plans to participate in the ceremonies.

Design of the stamp is by Richard Clark, art director for a New York advertising firm. It is based on a photo made Aug. 15, 1941, aboard the battleship Prince of Wales, a day after FDR and Winston Churchill had signed the Atlantic Charter.

The stamp will be brown. It

year ended Dec. 31 to reach a record high of \$42,469,355, and he noted that during the final quarter of 1965 alone, the savings gain was \$1,111,864.

Real estate loans on Dec. 31 totaled \$34,827,138, also a new record, and the gain for the year was \$3,814,558. The increase in real estate loans during the final quarter of the year was \$677,914, Mr. Knapp reported.

Waste Collections

ROUTE 10

Friday, Jan. 14—Alfred Cir., Alfred Ct., Alfred, Autumn, Bailey, Barden, Campbell Dr., Channel Dr., Charles, Clark, Clifton Dr., Congress, Cross, Dartmouth, Deering, Dover, Dyotte, Florida Dr., Forest Rd., Greenwood, Grove, Laura Cir., Lawnwood, Leonard, Meadowbrook Rd., Melrose Pl., Merrell Dr., Morgan, Peros Dr., Roberta Cir., Ruth Ave., Sibley, Simpson Cir., Trinity Ter., Warren and Western Dr.

ROUTE 1

Monday, Jan. 17 — Arnold, Broz, Carmen Ave., Cleveland, Coronet Cir., Duclos Dr., Francis, Gale, Grant, Hall, Harding, Homer, James, Letendre Ave., Liberty, McKinley, Maynard, Norman, Norman Terrace Ext., North, Oak Lane, Robin Lane, Sherman Ave., Sylvan Lane, Taft, Walton Lane, Wilbert Ter., Wilson and Woodland.

ROUTE 2

Tuesday, Jan. 18 — Acorn, Agnoli Pl., Annable, Aubudon, Bessbrook, Chapin, Cherry, Colemore, Daniel, Day, Eastern Ave., Fenton, Franklin, Fruwirth Ave., Greenock, Hasting, Hayes Ave., Horsham Pl., Lenox, Lincoln, Line, Mooreland, Norwood Oak, Park, Pierce, Portland Pl., Ralph, Ridgeway, Sylvan, White and Witheridge.

ROUTE 3

Wednesday, Jan. 19 — Begley, Birchwood Ter., Bridge, Brookside Pl., Church, Cooley, Cottage, Dwight, Ellington, George, High, Highland, Hillcrest Ave., Howard, King, King Ave., Laurel, Lexington, Maple, McGrath Ter., Moore, Mulberry, Oak Ave., Oak Hill Ave., Orchard, Ottawa, Pasadena, Prospect River, Scherpa, Spencer, Spring, Summer, Sutton Pl., Tower Ter., Valley, Walnut, Walnut Street Ext. and Winthrop St.

Route 4

Thursday, Jan. 20 — Amherst, Barn Rd., Belvedere, Brookline, Columbus, Giffin Pl., Greenacre Lane, Henry, Highland, Homestead Ave., Keating, Kensington, Mill, Morris, Norris, Northwood, Randall, Rhodes Ave., Rowley, Royal, Royal Lane, Springfield, Twin Oaks Rd. and William St.

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Tuesday: Baked sausages, parried potato, applesauce, rye bread/butter, prune cake w/butter icing, milk.

Wednesday: Orange juice, cold cut grinder (ham, cooked salami, lettuce, cheese), potato chips, peanut butter honey sandwich, raspberry square, milk.

Thursday: Beef pot pie w/biscuit topping, mashed potato, buttered spinach, whole wheat bread) butter, candy bar, milk.

Friday: Juice, grilled cheese sandwich, potato chips, celery/carrot sticks, strawberry shortcake w/topping, milk.

JUNIOR HIGH

Monday: Ham w/pineapple, boiled sweet potato, green beans, bread/butter, chocolate pudding, milk.

Tuesday: Juice, hamburger on bun, corn, peanut butter sandwiches, sliced peaches, milk.

Wednesday: Juice, beef stew w/vegetables, celery/carrot sticks, bread/butter, butter cake w/chocolate sauce, milk.

Thursday: Juice, frankfurt on roll, homemade baked beans, cabbage carrot salad, stewed prunes, milk.

Friday: Fish sticks, parsley potatoes, peas, bread/butter, prune spice cake, milk.

DANAHY

Monday: Mashed potatoes, hamburger gravy, buttered broccoli, bread/butter, pineapple chunks, milk.

Tuesday: Chicken noodle soup w/vegetables, ham salad sandwich, orange wedges, oatmeal cookie, milk.

Wednesday: Macaroni w/meat tomato sauce, buttered wax beans, peanut butter jam sandwiches, peaches, milk.

Thursday: Mashed potatoes, meat balls w/brown gravy, spinach, cheese sticks, ripe olives, fruit cup, milk.

Friday: Juice, tuna fish w/roll, potato chips, tossed salad, prune spice cake, milk.

GRANGER

Monday: Hamburg gravy, mashed potato, whole kernel corn, rye bread/butter, pineapple upside down cake w/topping, milk.

Tuesday: Orange juice, grilled frankfurt on buttered bun, relish, mustard, potato sticks, buttered wax beans, cherry square, milk.

Wednesday: Baked link sausage (catsup), mashed potato, frosted spinach, hot buttered corn bread, fruited jello w/topping, milk.

Thursday: Macaroni and hamburger w/meat tomato sauce, tossed salad, peanut butter sandwich, sliced peaches, milk.

Friday: Tomato soup (crackers), tuna fish sandwich or peanut butter sandwich, half hard-boiled egg, celery carrot sticks, fruit, milk.

PEIRCE

Monday: Chicken noodle soup w/vegetables, sliced bologna/cheese sandwich, carrot sticks, orange-pineapple tidbits, milk.

Tuesday: Baked macaroni w/

hamburg tomatoes, buttered wax beans, peanut butter sandwich, spice prune cake w/topping, milk.

Wednesday: Lemonade, roast beef w/brown gravy, whipped potatoes, buttered carrots, bread/butter, butterscotch pudding w/topping, milk.

Thursday: Orange juice, mock chicken pie w/potato topping, buttered peas, jelly sandwich, chocolate peanut butter cookies, milk.

Friday: Grape punch, baked beans, stewed tomatoes, grilled cheese or tuna salad sandwich, ice cream cone, milk.

PHELPS

Monday: Citrus juice, grilled frankfurt on buttered roll, relish, mustard, buttered corn and peas, fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Snappy burger on buttered bun, buttered green beans, applesauce, milk.

Wednesday: Chicken vegetable soup, luncheon meat and cheese sandwich, carrot/celery sticks, orange wedges, peanut butter cookie, milk.

Thursday: Citrus juice, grilled hamburger on buttered bun, buttered carrots, prune spice cake, milk.

Friday: Baked fish sticks, parsley potatoes, tossed green salad, vanilla pudding w/fruit, milk.

ROBINSON

Monday: Juice, frankfurt on buttered roll, catsup, mustard, baked beans, cabbage carrot salad, cake w/cherry topping, milk.

Tuesday: Elbow macaroni w/meat tomato sauce, buttered green beans, bread/butter, pineapple chunks, milk.

Wednesday: Orange juice, grinders (sliced meat, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes), potato chips, sliced beets, fruit cup, milk.

Thursday: turkey w/gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered broccoli, cranberry sauce, bread/butter, ice cream, milk.

Friday: Tomato soup w/rice, celery carrot sticks, peanut butter jelly sandwich, fresh fruit, cookies, milk.

SOUTH

Monday: Orange juice, homemade beef stew w/vegetables (crackers), celery sticks, peanut butter honey on rye bread, apricot w/topping, milk.

Tuesday: Meat ball grinder w/tomato sauce, buttered corn, citrus fruit cup, cookie, milk.

Wednesday: Roast beef w/gravy on mashed potatoes, buttered broccoli, buttered biscuit, apple crisp, milk.

Thursday: Hot open turkey sandwich w/gravy, candied sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, buttered peas, fruit, milk.

Friday: Baked macaroni and cheese, ABC salad, peanut butter honey sandwich, fruited jello w/topping, milk.

Drivers who get caught in a skid on a slippery road should steer in the direction of the skid, advises the Registry of Motor Vehicles. When the car begins to straighten out, then straighten the front wheels. Remember that any vigorous steering application is hazardous. "Easy does it" is the best rule for safe winter driving.

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SPORTSMEN'S CORNER



By Bill Chiba

Now that the holidays are over and our system is getting back to normal we can focus our attention to events coming up in the near future.

Top sporting clubs in this area will be represented in the big 1966 New England Sportsmen's Show in Boston's War Memorial Auditorium Jan. 29 to Feb. 6. The two floors of the auditorium will be transformed into an outdoorsmen's wonderland with the dazzling exhibits of all types of sporting gear.

The entire second floor of the show will be devoted to camping and travel trailer equipment. Leading manufacturers from all over the U. S. will be represented in the huge sports spectacle. All the exhibits in the second floor are under the sponsorship of New England Family Campers Association whose objective is to bring bonafide equipment and camping services to the sportsmen.

On the first floor of the show, all types of equipment such as boats, tackle and fishing gear, sporting goods, vacation and state exhibits, billiards, hunting, scuba diving and other sports will be exhibited.

The Council of Sportsmen's Clubs will have an interesting account of its activities in conservation, fishing and hunting and other related activities.

Beautiful color photos of outdoor activities will be shown by Les Smith of Massachusetts Wildlife Federation. He is a noted photographer.

Return To The Air

By Popular acclaim, the American Broadcasting Co. is bringing back its "American Sportsman" TV series for an 11-week run beginning Sunday, Jan. 23.

The premier show on Jan. 23 will feature Actor-Bandleader Phil Harris on a pheasant hunt in Nebraska, Craig (Peter Gunn) Stevens stalking Bengal tigers in India with the Maharajah of Bundi, and expert angler Jow Brooks demonstrating how to cast a dry fly into a strong wind.

The following week, on Jan. 30, Jow Brooks will travel to Florida for tarpon fishing, Fess

Parker will take on grizzly bears in British Columbia, followed by a demonstration of grouper fishing in Australia.

Other personalities scheduled for later shows are Roy Rogers, Robert Stack, Charlie Connerly, former quarterback of the New York Giants, and Joe Foss, commissioner of the American Football League.

Grange Opposes Restrictive Gun Laws

The National Grange has registered its opposition to unduly restrictive federal firearms controls.

In a policy statement adopted at its annual meeting recently, the 850,000-member farm organization opposed legislation that would "lead to or impose" a federal system of firearms registration or "infringe upon the rights of citizens to own and bear arms."

The Grange also called for tougher sentences for criminals convicted of major crimes.

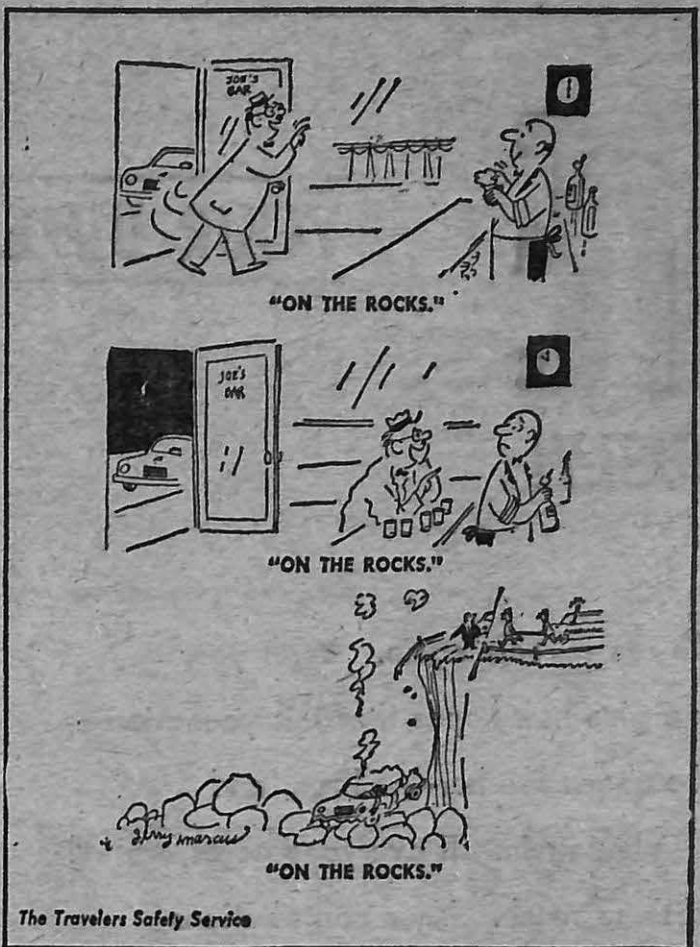
This year rabbit hunters are enjoying a bountiful season. The white rabbit population is in some places above normal and plentiful in average feed areas.

We have found that the Sandisfield and Otis areas are still good producers, and have enjoyed many hours listening to the hounds run. Along on these trips for the exercise and excitement has been a group of ardent hunters such as "Soapy" Balboni, Agawam; Clyde Light, Feeding Hills; Hal Light, Southwick; Bob Jacobs, Springfield, and the "old pro" Henry Guidi of Agawam. We have taken a high of three hares in one day, and settled for one on numerous occasions.

There has been quite a controversy going on in the daily papers over the lack of deer in Massachusetts. The areas that we have hunted since the deer season terminated has been tracked up considerably by deer. In fact, one day I walked up to within 30 yards of a doe before she took off, and Clyde Light almost was run over by an eight-point buck. Light's service station in the center of Feeding Hills, has a set of horns with 19 points that a deer had just shed a week ago. Clyde found them in the State Forest.

We are inclined to believe that there is just as many deer in Massachusetts as in previous years. The fellow that actually goes into the woods and hunts for them will see either the animal or the tracks that it has just left. The hunter that stands on the edge of the roads and waits for someone else to push the deer into him, is the same person that complains about the lack of deer. The last day of the season in Sandisfield, the group of hunters

The Casualty Count by Jerry Marcus



Drinking drivers are a menace on the highway.

that I was with saw 10 deer in the morning. Bert Montagna, fireman from Agawam, had five deer walk into him...to make a long story short...Bert fired once and missed. In all fairness to Bert, the circumstances were nerve racking to say the least and a miss is understandable.

Excise Taxes

A record-breaking \$20,681,000 was paid by hunters and shooters in excise taxes during 1964. This money, collected by the federal government, is distributed to the states proportionately for game conservation, research, and wildlife protection. The 1964 figure exceeds the previous record-breaking 1963 amount by \$2,374,767.

Pennsylvania's Game Commission has recently acquired its millionth acre. All this land is open to public hunting. This praiseworthy program has been paid for by the hunters in the state. No public tax funds have been used in this effort.

When blizzard conditions develop this winter, keep driving trips at a minimum, advises Registrar of Motor Vehicles Richard E. McLaughlin. If you must drive under severe snow-and-ice conditions, make sure your car is in perfect working order and use tire chains when driving in deep snow or on glare ice.

Airman 1/C Anderson Honored By Unit

CHICOPEE FALLS, Mass. — Airman First Class James W. Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Anderson of 204 Central Ave., Gaithersburg, Md., has been selected Outstanding Airman of the Month for his unit at Westover AFB, Mass.

Airman Anderson, an air armament mechanic, was honored for his exemplary conduct and duty performance. He is a member of the Strategic Air Command, the nation's combat ready intercontinental missile and bomber force.

The airman is a graduate of Gaithersburg High School. His wife, Judith, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Buoniconti, Sr., of 36 Rowley St., Agawam, Mass.

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Jackets For AA Football Champs

The Agawam High School Brownies Western Massachusetts AA Conference Champions for a second straight victory will be presented jackets at the annual football banquet, sponsored by the Gridiron Mothers, in the High School cafeteria, Jan. 29.

Regulation championship jackets will be awarded to all newcomers on the team and blazers will be presented to the boys who participated on the 1964 conference win.

This project has been made successful under the chairmanship of Victor Moreno and the assistance of the Gridiron Moms and Dads.

A special thanks to all those, who through their donations, paid tribute to our 1965 AA Champs.

Reservations for the dinner may be made by contacting Mrs. Samuel Provo, Mrs. Wm. P. Gazillo and Mrs. Harry Cressotti.

TODAY'S AGRI-FACT

Massachusetts Market Director Nat Tilden reminds us that January is National Carnation Month. Massachusetts is one of the leading states in the growing of carnations—for both blooms and cutting for propagation. The leading carnation, Sims, was developed at the Waltham Field Station.

Registrar Richard E. McLaughlin says: Sit in, not on, your seat belts this winter — for safety's sake.

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WELCOME WAGON

AHS Music Students To Perform At Holyoke High School Saturday

Western Massachusetts District Music Groups will include six Agawam High School music students when they perform at Holyoke High School on Saturday, the 15th.

The students who will take part in this musical experience are Virginia O'Reilly, David Wade, Robert Osolinski, Dorothea Major, Betty Wright and Linda Brown.

The district groups annually take some of the most accomplished students from each school in Western Mass. to form a select orchestra, band and chorus. The members are sent the music to be performed about a month in advance and only get to rehearse in a group once before the day of the concert. That day is spent in many long rehearsals with a concert for the public in the evening.

Virginia O'Reilly who will play first violin in the orchestra is a member of the Agawam High School Chorale and Band. She also takes courses at the Hartt College of Music and is a member of the Hartford Junior Symphony. In addition to playing first flute in the band she has played violin with the orchestra for "Do Re Mi" and performed numerous solos with the chorale and other groups.

David Wade is president of the Agawam High School Band this year and plays first coronet in that organization and the AHS dance band. He will play with the All-District Band.

Robert Osolinski who will sing with the District Chorus has

been chosen for that honor for several years. He is also a member of the AHS Chorale and Band and has been seen in several leading roles in the AHS musicals.

Betty Wright also will be a part of the District Chorus and has been active in AHS Chorale and plays French horn in the band. She has served as one of the primary accompanists for many of the AHS musicals and also serves as piano accompanist for the Elementary School Chorus and many of the high school choral groups.

Dorothea Major has been an active member of school and church singing groups. A member of the AHS Chorale and a veteran of AHS musicals, she will sing with the District Chorus.

Linda Brown, another participant with the District Chorus has also been active in school and church groups and has been a soloist with the AHS Chorale.

Connelly Promoted Marine Lieutenant

QUANTICO, Va. (FHTNC)—Marine Aviation Officer Candidate Edward W. Connelly, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Connelly of 565 River Road, Agawam, was commissioned a Marine second lieutenant upon his graduation from the Officers Candidate course at Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Va.

Leadership and physical fitness was emphasized during the course.

He has been assigned to the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla., where he will undergo flight training for approximately 18 months to qualify as a Marine pilot. Flight training prepares the Marine officer for duty as a pilot with one of the air components of the Marine Corps. He may be assigned to fly land or carrier-based fighter-attack jets, helicopters or Marine transports.

Driving on ice or snow is like walking on ice or snow—start slowly, avoid moving too fast, stop slowly, and make turns cautiously. Any sudden, quick movement can bring trouble.

PROMENADERS

SQUARE DANCE



By Beryl and Doug Shaylor

This Friday, the 14th, the Agawam Promenaders Square Dance Club will hold their first dance of the new year. The dance will be held at 8 p.m. at Robinson Park School on Begley St., Agawam.

Guest caller will be Dick Mastrianni of Agawam. Dick first started square dancing with the Promenaders a few years ago and has now become one of the most popular callers in the New England area. The club is ex-

tremely happy to welcome Dick back as a caller.

At the end of the evening's dancing a business meeting will be held. All club members are urged to try and be in attendance. At this point we would like to express our appreciation to the outgoing officers who have worked so hard and have done such a fine job over the past season: Charlie and Irene Cavanaugh, Bob and Edie Gottsche and Gary and Maryann Kane.

Collins Aboard

USS Sheldrake

USS SHELDRAKE (AGS-19) (FHTNC) — Engineman Third Class John C. Collins, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Collins of 117 Leonard St., Agawam, is serving aboard the oceanographic survey ship USS Sheldrake, currently conducting survey operations in the Mediterranean Sea.

Sheldrake departed her homeport, New York City, in early November for a four-month deployment.

Between survey operations the ship will visit several Mediterranean port cities.

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Round The Town



By Ann Nael
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Mrs. David Keay of 225 Cooper St., Agawam, is a patient in the Springfield Hospital in room 431. Mrs. Keay is the daughter of Mrs. Louis Bontempo of Cooper St., Agawam.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Questions and Answers

Q. My son's social security benefits stopped when he reached 18 in November 1964. He graduated from high school in May and started to College in September. Can his benefits be started again?

A. Yes. However, you need to file a new application. Since your son was attending a full-time school from January through May, his payments can be started effective with January 1965, the month this part of the new law became effective.

Q. I am a 61-year-old widow. However, my husband never worked under social security. Does the new law make me eligible to get monthly checks?

A. No. Your husband must have worked under social security long enough to be insured for you to qualify for widow's benefits.

Q. I am a widow who has never worked under Social Security. I am only 55 but I am unable to work. Can I get benefits under this new law?

A. No, you must be at least 60 to get widow's benefits. Payments cannot be made to you because you are unable to work unless you have worked under social security.

Q. What is included in the new program of Medicare?

A. There are two parts. One, hospital insurance, will help pay the costs of hospital care, and the other, medical insurance, will help pay doctor bills and certain other medical expenses.

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LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT NEWS

by Virginia Catchepaugh

County Meeting

A County meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Representing Agawam will be President Constance LaMountain. Returns on tickets should be received by Unit Treasurer Gladys Catchepaugh before that date.

Unit Meeting

The next meeting of the Unit will be held on Monday, Jan. 17th at the Legion Home.

Smorgasbord

The next joint smorgasbord of the Post and Unit will be held on Saturday, Jan. 29th at the Legion Home. Co-chairmen are Ed Bovat, Sr., and Mrs. Peg Brown. Tickets are available to the public from the chairmen or at the Post Home. Smorgasbord will be served at

9 p.m. with dancing to be held from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Juniors

Juniors will hold their Installation on Sunday, Jan. 23rd at the Legion Home.

At their last meeting Juniors reported on their project of writing to Agawam boys in the service. They received 18 names, and wrote to all.

Under the direction of their Chairman, Gladys Belcher, Juniors are planning to make costumes for the Junior Conference to be held in the Spring.

Airman Brown To Virginia Naval Base

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (FHTNC) — Airman Roger N. Brown, USN, son of Mr. Walter E. Brown of 70 Elm St., Agawam, after a three-week furlough at home, has returned to the Naval Air Station at Virginia Beach, Va.

He participated in combat operations over Viet Nam with Fighter Squadron 84. The squadron flew its combat missions off the flight deck of the attack aircraft carrier USS Independence, now homeported in Norfolk, Va.

He has been awarded the Viet Nam Service Medal for his participation in combat operations with the Seventh Fleet.

He visited port cities normally denied units of the Atlantic Fleet, including Hong Kong, Singapore, the Philippine Islands and Japan.

Arnold Graduates At Keesler AFB

BILOXI, Miss. — Airman Third Class James H. Arnold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Arnold of 546 Springfield St., Agawam, has been graduated at Keesler AFB, Miss., from the training course for U. S. Air Force radar operators.

Airman Arnold, a graduate of Agawam High School, is being reassigned to one of the more than 250 installations world-wide where Air Force combat and support units are based.

The airman attended Western New England College.

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After using commercial spray de-icers, wipe your windshield dry to avoid streaks which can blur your vision.

Keeping It In The Family



The His and Hers bowling league has finished its first round of competition at the Agawam Bowl with Charlie Hill and his pretty wife Pat, sewing up high average for men and women. Pat was also on the winning team for the round. Other members are Edythe Chiba, Charlie Myette, Aldina Maynard, and Nick Donatini.

Third National Bank Increases Savings Interest To 4%

Directors of Third National Bank of Hampden County have voted to increase the rate of daily interest on savings accounts from 3 to 4 percent, effective Jan. 1, President Russell B. Neff reported Tuesday.

"This means," he said, "that beginning on Jan. 1 all Third National savings accounts will be accruing daily interest at the rate of 4 percent. The first payment under this new 4 percent rate will be credited to savings accounts on April 1, 1966."

The Third's savings deposits are currently more than \$28 million. The bank pioneered in the introduction of daily interest in this area in January, 1962.

Of Tuesday's board action, Mr. Neff said: "With the recent upward revision of the rediscount rate which ultimately means higher borrowing costs to our customers, we felt it was only fair to increase the return on money deposited with us by our savings depositors."

Directors Tuesday also declared the regular quarterly dividend of 35 cents a share, payable Jan. 17 to stock of record on Jan. 3. This brings the total declaration in 1965 to \$1.45 a share on each of the 500,000 shares outstanding, or a total of \$725,000. In 1964 dividends declared totaled \$1.30, also on 500,000 shares.

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Director of Veterans Services



Nearly 7,700 Massachusetts veterans received checks last week as the first payments were made in distribution of a 1966 GI insurance dividend totaling \$9,640,600 to Massachusetts policyholders.

In reporting this, William J. Driver, Administrator of Veterans Affairs, said some 198,000 Massachusetts veterans are eligible to receive the dividend payments, which will be made throughout the year on the anniversary dates of the individual policies.

Although the amounts due individual veterans will vary considerably, depending on the veteran's age, the amount and type of insurance in force, and other factors, the amount to be paid in 1966 averages out at \$47.50 for World War II policyholders and at \$73.75 for World War I policyholders.

Of the total dividend, Mr. Driver said, \$8,987,000 will be paid to 189,200 Massachusetts veterans of World War II who hold National Service Life Insurance (NSLI) policies, and the remaining \$853,600 will be shared by 8,858 Massachusetts World War I veterans who have U. S. Government Life Insurance (USGLI) policies.

Korean Conflict veterans hold low-cost, non-participating type policies that do not provide for payment of regular annual dividends.

The dividends represent primarily a return to the policyholders of part of their premium payments since the death rate of insured veterans continues to be lower than the mortality rate upon which premium payments are based by law. The VA head said the payments would be made

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The four-week course included over 200 hours of instruction under simulated combat conditions, small unit tactics in both conventional and guerrilla warfare, day and night combat, reconnaissance and combat patrolling, and the effective use of infantry weapons.

He is undergoing four-weeks of basic specialist training in his military occupational field. These occupational fields include artillery, infantry, motor transport and supply. Marines assigned duties with infantry units will be taught infantry sub-specialties, such as the machine gun, grenade launcher, rifle or mortar.

Marines assigned to highly technical specialties have been sent to a military school for their specialist training.

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